(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been empowered to decide on proposals for setting up of private airstrips for private use subject to prescribed guidelines.

MRO facility at Hyderabad

312. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lufthansa and Hawker Pacific have evinced their interest and submitted proposal for setting up of MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul facilities at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether these companies have proposed to set up MRO for various types of aircraft or are they going to set up MRO only for Boeings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Cost of ATF

313. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is very high in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of the mounting losses suffered by public as well as private airlines, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has called on Government to take steps to reduce ATF cost;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) ATF prices for domestic operations in India are approximately 60-70% higher than the international benchmark. Details of the amount being paid by the domestic and international airline per kilolitre at four metro cities in India are as follows:-

Station	For Domestic Operation Rs./Kilolitre	For International Operation Equivalent Rs./KL
1	2	3
Delhi	59,650.08	45,583.02